

## SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are applicable to this tariff:

**Access Service Request (ASR)** - The industry service order format used by Access Service Customers and access providers as agreed to by the Ordering and Billing Forum.

**Access Tandem** - A switching system that provides a traffic concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between end offices and a Customer's premises.

**Account** - The Customer who has agreed, verbally or by signature, to honor the terms of service established by the Company. An account may have more than one access code billed to the same Customer address.

**Bit** - The smallest unit of information in a binary system of notation.

**Bits Per Second (bps)** - The number of bits transmitted in a one second interval.

**Channel** - A path for electrical transmission between two or more points, the path having a bandwidth and termination of the Customer's choosing.

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**Central Office** - A local Company switching system where Customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks.

**Channel** - A communications path between two or more points of termination.

**City** - For the purposes of this tariff, the term City denotes a specific geographic area served by the Carrier. A City is typically a metropolitan area and may include one or more adjacent or nearby areas in which the Carrier has network facilities.

**Collocation** - Carrier facilities and/or equipment located in the same building -- generally a LEC central office.

**Commission** - The Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission.

**Communications System** - Denotes channels and other facilities which are capable of communications between terminal equipment provided by an entity other than the Company.

**Company** - Denotes XO Communications Services, Inc. and /or any Concurring Carriers.

**Company's Network** - Equipment, cabling, and/or connections owned, leased or otherwise used by the Company or the Company's agents to provide service to the Customer pursuant to this tariff.

**Customer** - Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity which uses service under the terms and conditions of this tariff and is responsible for the payment of charges. In most contexts, the customer is the interexchange carrier utilizing the access services herein to reach end user customers.

**Customer Agreement** - The mutual agreement between the Company and the Customer for the provision of the Company's service.

**Customer Designated Premises** - The premises specified by the Customer for termination of Access Services.

**Customer Point of Presence** - The physical location associated with the Customer's communication system.

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**Dedicated Access or Dedicated Transport** - A method for a Customer to directly connect two locations of their choice with dedicated (non-switched) services.

**End User** - Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity which uses the service of the Company under the terms and conditions of this tariff. In most contexts, the end user is the customer of the interexchange carrier and the Company.

**End Office Switch** - A Company switching system where station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks.

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**Facilities** - Denotes any cable, poles, conduit, carrier equipment, wire center distribution frames, central office switching equipment, etc., utilized to provide the service offered under this tariff.

**Firm Order Confirmation (FOC)** - Acknowledgment by the Company of receipt of an Access Service Request from the Customer and commitment by the Company of a Service Date.

**Interexchange Carrier (IC)** - Any individual, partnership, association, corporation or other entity engaged in communication for hire by wire or radio between two or more exchanges.

**Hertz** - A unit of frequency equal to one cycle per second.

**Interstate** - For the purpose of this tariff, the term Interstate applies to the regulatory jurisdiction of services used for communications between locations located in different states within the United States or between one or more location in the United States and one or more international locations.

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**Intrastate Communications** - Any communications which originates and terminates within the same state.

**Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)** - A geographic area established for the provision and administration of communications service. A LATA encompasses designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic and other purposes.

**N/A** - Not Applicable.

**Off-Net** - Customer or End User locations not capable of being served directly by the Company's existing network facilities.

**On-Net** - Customer or End User locations capable of being served directly by the Company's existing network facilities.

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**Point of Presence** - The physical location of an interexchange carrier's facilities.

**Point of Termination** - The point of demarcation within a Customer-designated premises at which the Company's responsibility for the provision of access service ends. The point of demarcation is the point of interconnection between Company communications facilities and Customer-provided facilities as defined in Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations.

**Premises** - The physical space designated by the Customer for the termination of the Company's service.

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**Serving Wire Center** - The wire center from which the Customer-designated premises would normally obtain dial tone from the Company.

**Special Access** - See Dedicated Access.

**Term Agreement** - A method of purchasing the Company's services whereby the Customer agrees to purchase service between specific locations for a specified and mutually agree upon length of time.

**Terminal Equipment** - Telecommunications devices, apparatus and associated wiring on the Customer-designated premises.

**Transmission Path** - An electrical path capable of transmitting signals within the range of the service offering. A transmission path is comprised of physical or derived facilities consisting of any form or configuration of plant used in the telecommunications industry.

**Trunk** - A communications path connecting two switching systems in a network, used in the establishment of an end-to-end connection.

**Trunk Group** - A set of trunks which are traffic engineered as a unit for the establishment of connections between switching systems in which all of the communications paths are interchangeable.

**Wire Center** - A physical location in which one or more central offices, used for the provision of exchange services, are located.